

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
**Standing Order for Dispensing COVID-19 At Home Tests and Home Collection Kits
to MaineCare Beneficiaries**

MaineCare will expand access to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved and FDA Emergency Use Authorized (EUA) over the counter (OTC), direct to consumer (DTC), and prescription COVID-19 at-home tests and the OTC, DTC, and prescription COVID-19 home collection kits through a Standing Order for MaineCare beneficiaries.

I. AUTHORIZATION

This Standing Order authorizes licensed pharmacists to create a prescription for the OTC, DTC, or prescription COVID-19 at home tests and the OTC, DTC, or prescription COVID-19 home collection kits for eligible MaineCare members.

II. ELIGIBILITY

MaineCare members with proper identification who meet the age requirements of the OTC, DTC, or prescription COVID-19 at home tests and the OTC, DTC, or prescription COVID-19 home collection kits.

III. INFORMATION TO BE GATHERED FROM INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING COVID-19 TESTS OR COLLECTION KITS

Prior to prescribing a COVID-19 home test or collection kit, the pharmacist shall gather the information below to aid in determining the appropriate test or collection kit.

- a. Patient date of birth
- b. Reason for test such as COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure, or required for work, school or travel
- c. Date of symptom onset or date of known COVID-19 exposure, as appropriate

IV. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING TESTS OR COLLECTION KITS

Prior to dispensing the prescription COVID-19 home test or collection kit to the individual, the pharmacist shall provide appropriate educational information to the individual, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) Written information on home collection kits, including how and when the individual will receive test results.
- b) Written information on next steps to take, following testing, including information on how to obtain follow-up medical care, and/or to address questions about diagnosis if they test positive for COVID-19.
- c) The Maine Department of Health and Human Services Guidance on At-home, self-collection tests can be accessed here: [ME DHHS Guidance](#)

V. TERM

This standing order shall take effect immediately. This standing order shall remain in force and effect for the duration of one year, at which time the order may be renewed.

Maine Department of Health & Human Services
Issuing Official:

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